

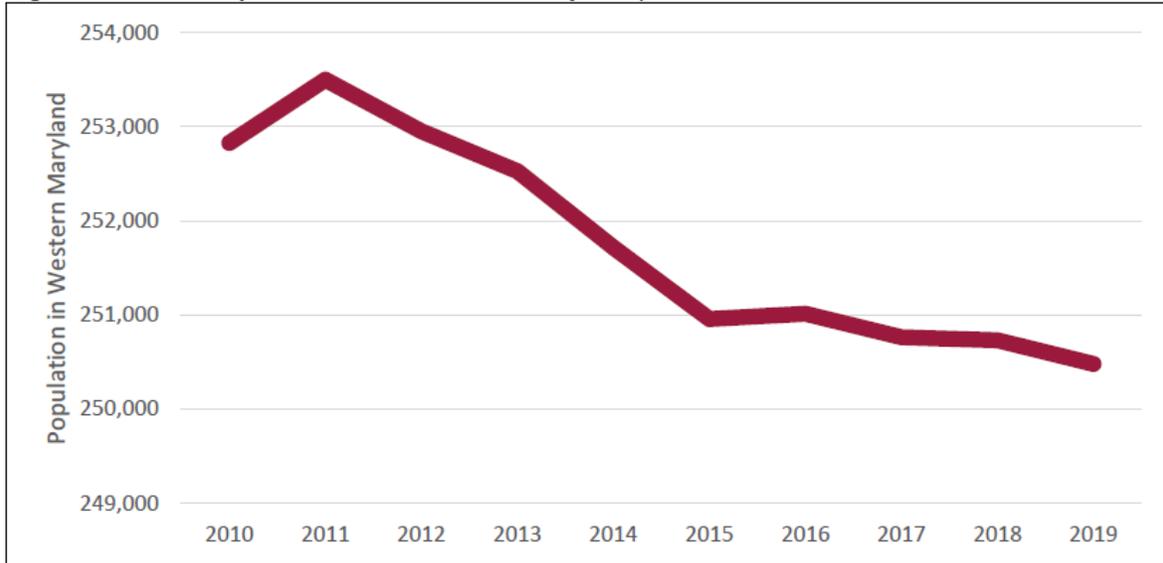
TASK FORCE ON THE ECONOMIC FUTURE OF WESTERN MARYLAND

INTERIM REPORT

Pursuant to Chapter 207, Laws of 2020

Respectfully Submitted to the General Assembly of Maryland by
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Figure 1: Total Population in Western Maryland, 2010 - 2019



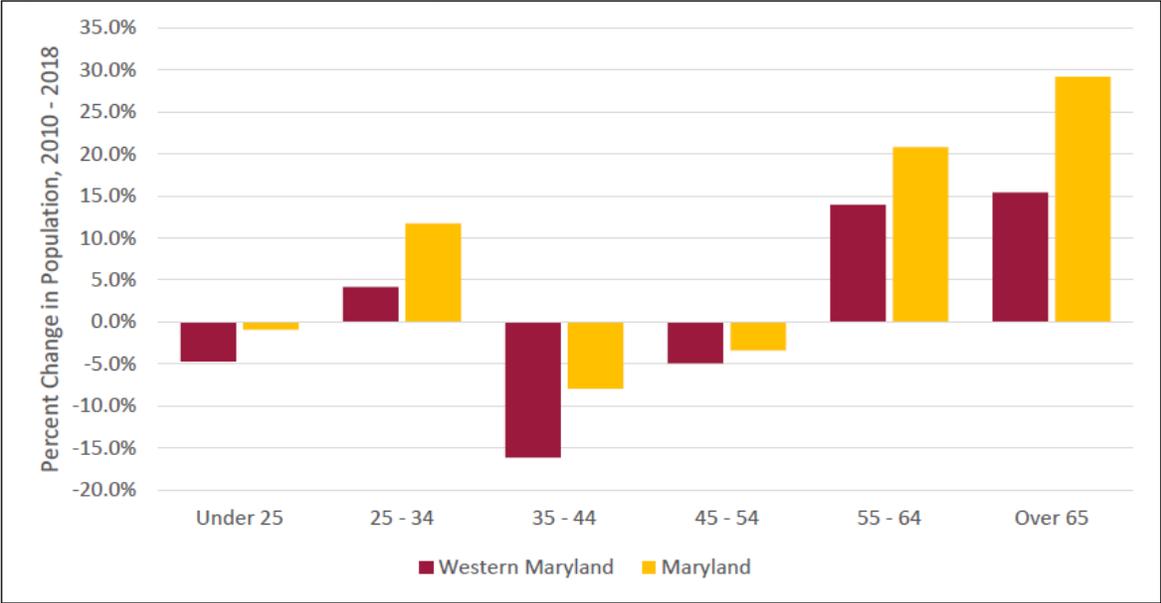
Source: US Census

Figure 2: Population Change in Western Maryland by County, 2010 – 2019

Area	Change in Population 2010 - 2019	Percent Change in Population 2010 - 2019
Allegany County	-4,549	-6.1%
Garrett County	-1,127	-3.7%
Washington County	3,328	2.3%
Western Maryland	-2,348	-0.9%
Maryland	257,035	4.4%

Source: US Census

Figure 3: Population Growth by Age Cohort in Western Maryland and Maryland, 2010 – 2018



Source: American Community Survey

Figure 4: Economic Dynamism Feedback Loop

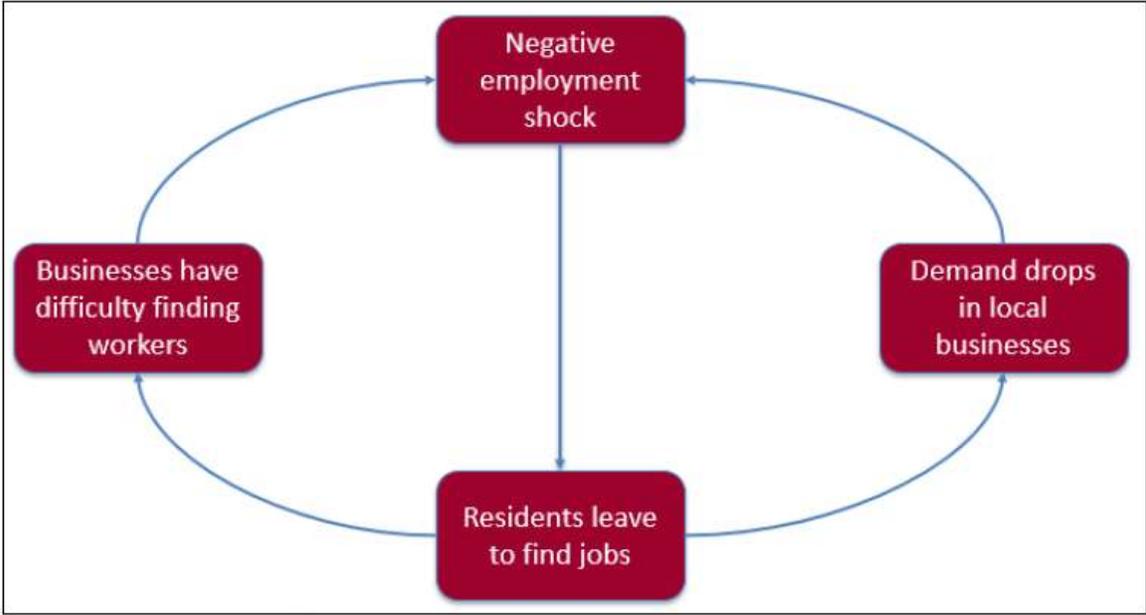
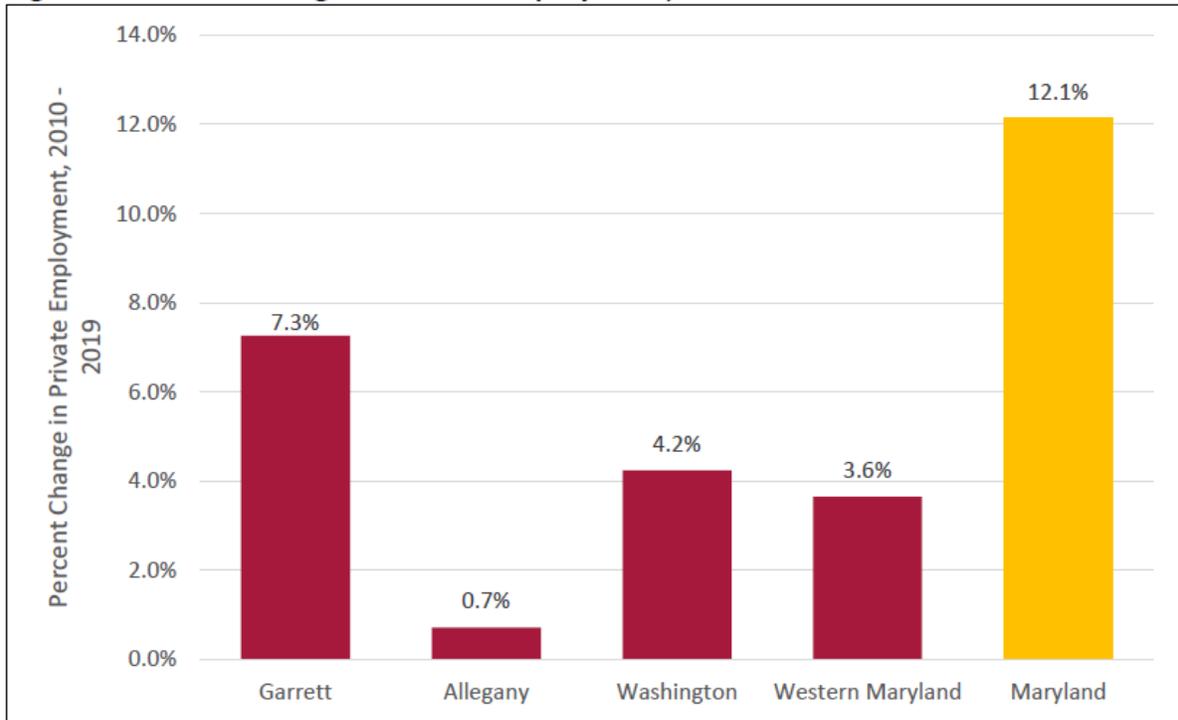
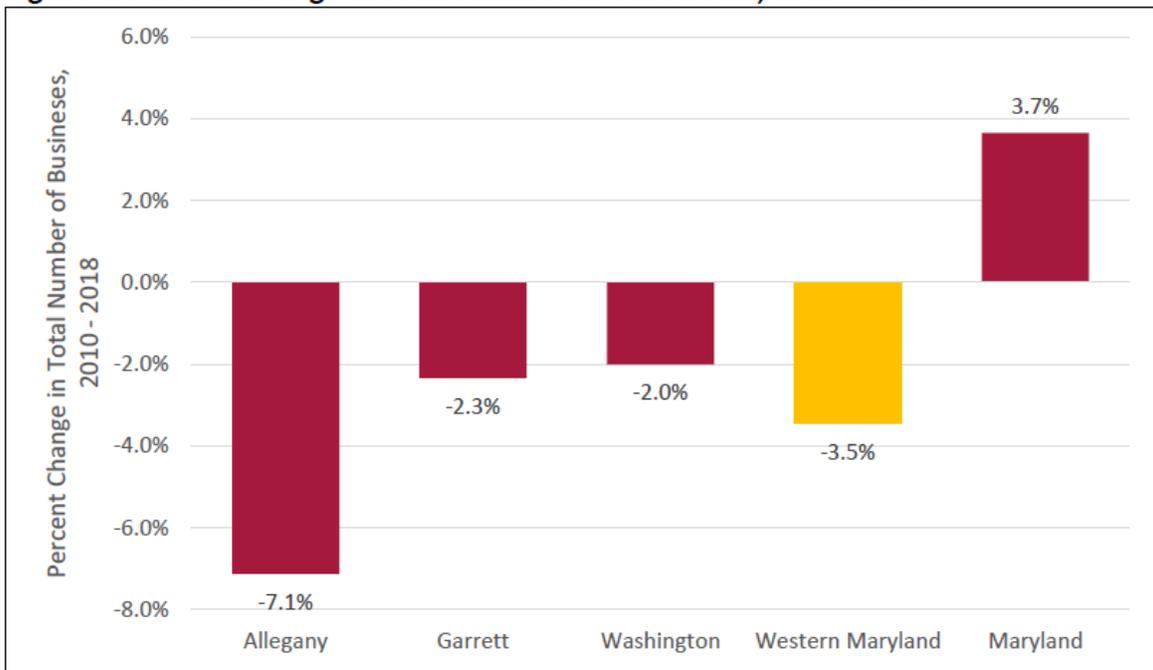


Figure 5: Percent Change in Private Employment, 2010 – 2019



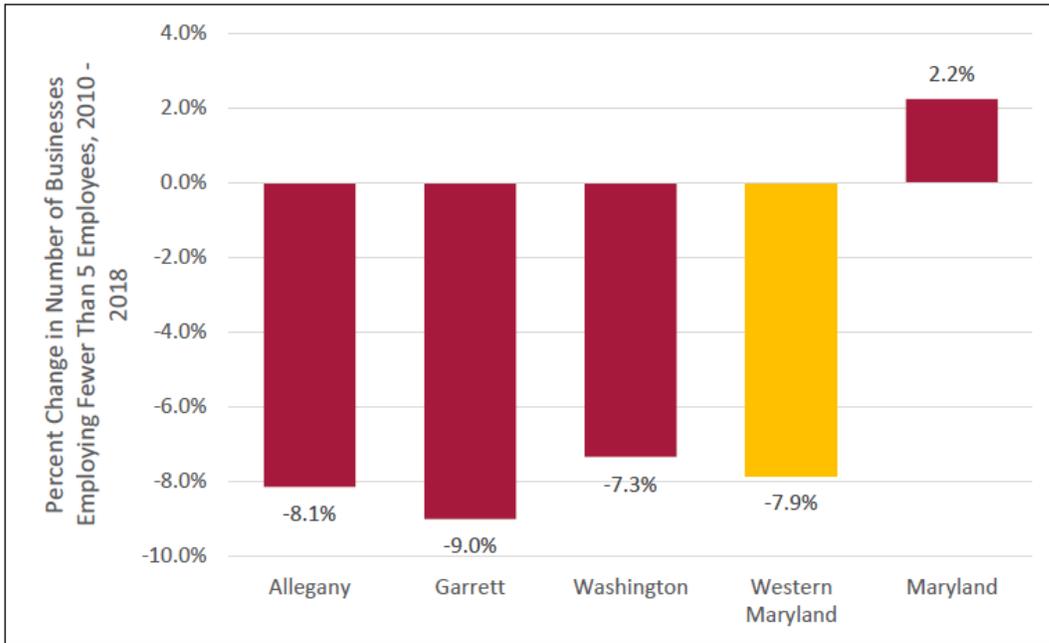
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 6: Percent Change in Total Number of Businesses, 2010 - 2018



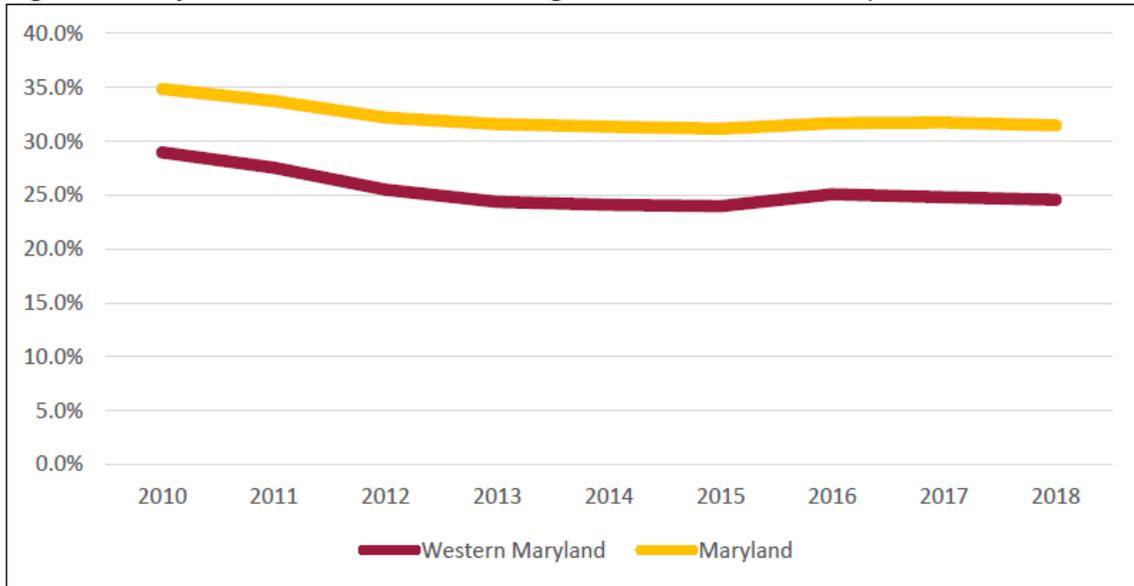
Source: US Census County Business Patterns

Figure 7: Percent Change in Number of Businesses Employing Fewer Than Five Employees, 2010 - 2018



Source: US Census County Business Patterns

Figure 8: Proportion of Establishments Aged Five or Fewer Years, 2010 – 2018



Source: US Census Business Dynamics Statistics

Figure 9: Top Ten Western Maryland Industry Clusters by Location Quotient, 2019

Cluster Name	Average Annual Employment	US Based Location Quotient	Average Wage
Recreational and Small Electric Goods	819	6.42	\$40,386
Coal Mining	247	6.31	\$78,811
Furniture	1,131	4.22	\$38,797
Production Technology and Heavy Machinery	1,926	2.78	\$77,226
Local Logistical Services	4,651	2.48	\$44,397
Paper and Packaging	524	2.02	\$92,692
Financial Services	2,724	1.93	\$64,520
Printing Services	583	1.88	\$54,107
Apparel	160	1.72	\$31,787
Textile Manufacturing	229	1.63	\$46,773

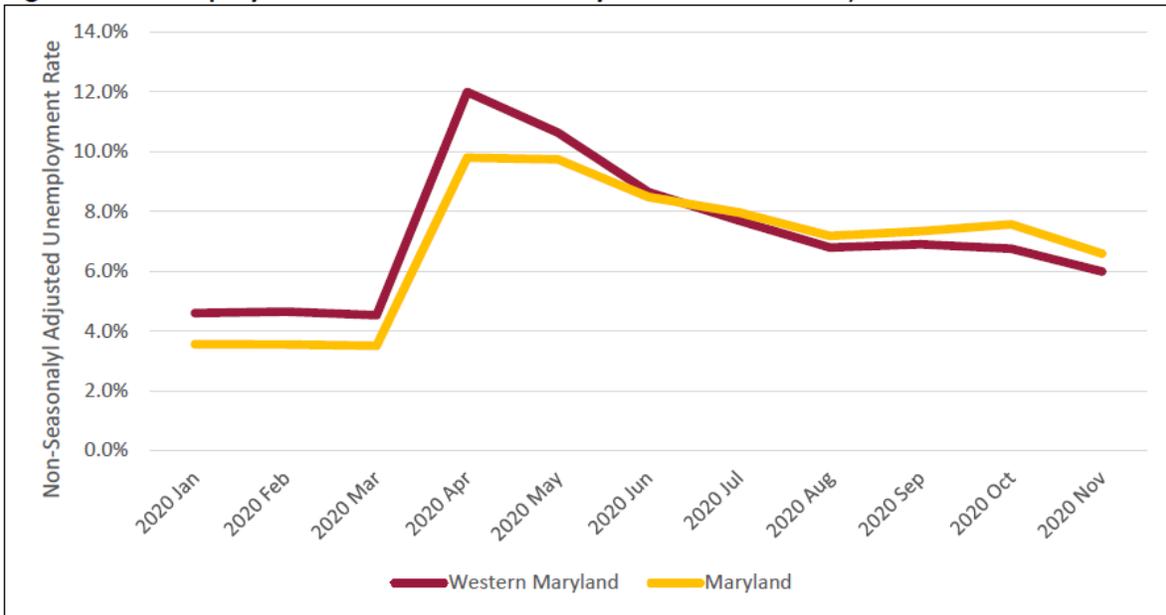
Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Cluster Mapping Project

Figure 10: Key Statistics for Industry Clusters Outlined in Statute Establishing Task Force, 2019

Cluster Name	Average Annual Employment	Location Quotient	Average Wage
Production Technology and Heavy Machinery	1,926	2.78	\$77,226
Local Logistical Services	4,651	2.48	\$44,397
Electric Power Generation and Transmission	158	1.29	\$100,774
Hospitality and Tourism	2,212	0.94	\$21,733
Distribution and Electronic Commerce	3,476	0.81	\$42,965
Transportation and Logistics	861	0.67	\$46,467
Aerospace Vehicles and Defense	260	0.55	\$113,655
Business Services	3,218	0.49	\$57,309
Information Technology and Analytical Instruments	157	0.16	\$47,799
Biopharmaceuticals	4	0.02	\$3,747

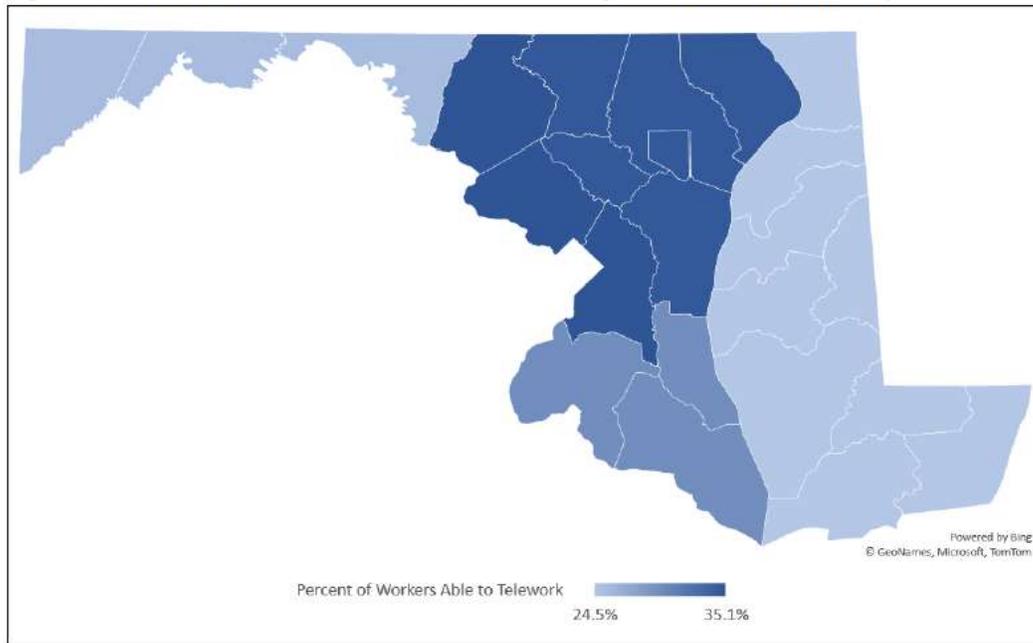
Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Cluster Mapping Project

Figure 11: Unemployment Rate in Western Maryland and Statewide, 2020



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 12: Percent of Private-Sector Workers Eligible to Work Remotely



Source: Jonathan Dingel and Brent Neiman, National Bureau of Economic Research; Maryland Department of Commerce